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SGA discusses qualified admissions

Janelle Mildrexler
Managing Editor

This week's Student Government meeting began with a speaker, Dee Strong.

Strong spoke on the Americorp Program, giving a run down on what the program in Hays has accomplished so far this year. She also brought two Americorp workers with her, Pat Fisher and Beth Kufer.

SGA President Schmeidler gave a short report on her meeting for the past week, including a president's cabinet meeting Wednesday.

"We need to note, for the advanced standing examinations that people take to quiz out, it costs approximately \$5 and the last time that fee was changed was over 10 years ago," Schmeidler said.

Due to the faculty taking more time to prepare these exams, the fee is going up to \$25 a course, starting next year.

Vice president Travis Crites stated that two seats were now open due to resignations, and he appointed Leonard Queen and Peter Browning, freshman senator, to the "High Tech" committee.

Both Crites and Schmeidler are serving on a "Student Union Dream Team" and any ideas in general for the student union or Professional Food Management are welcomed. Contact one of them or leave a note specifying the idea with the SGA office.

After the other executive staff and committee reports, the old business dealt with the second readings on two resolutions and one bill.

The first resolution appointed four

senators to the Educational Opportunity Fund committee. The second resolution, dealing with rape, calls upon all members of FHSU to create an environment which discourages rape and other sexual assaults and encourages administrative officials to be sensitive when dealing with such matters. Both these resolutions were passed.

The bill that was up for its second reading presented a change to be made in the SGA bylaws, allowing Allocation funds to be used by SGA for the Opening Picnic at the beginning of the school year. This measure was also passed by SGA.

New business include the first readings of five bills and three resolutions. Two of the resolutions were in opposition of each other. One stated that SGA was in support of qualified admissions, while the other said that SGA was opposed to such legislature. The bill in support was moved to emergency business, and the other was discarded.

Statistics were brought up by Carol Solko, interim assistant dean of students, showing that 30% of the freshman class at FHSU now would not have been admitted under these new guidelines.

Greg Schwartz, general studies senator, then move to make an amendment to strike the whereas and further clauses of the resolution. After further discussion, the therefore clause was amended to say "a minimum ACT score of 21" and "a date of implementation of 2002." There was no other new business, the announcements were read and the meeting was adjourned.



FRED HUNT / University Leader

Members of the Student Government Association listen as Dee Strong, director of Fort Hays State Americorp program, discusses an overview of what the Americorp program has been doing for Hays over the last year. She spoke during last night's SGA meeting.

BSU and UAB welcome Black History Month

Brad Gibbs
Staff Writer

In February of 1926, Negro History Week was established. Later, in 1976, this was expanded to Black History Month.

Historian Carter G. Woodson came up with this idea to celebrate the birthday of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Although Lincoln is a well known figure, unfortunately, Douglass is not.

Douglas was a fugitive slave who took upon this name after fleeing from his master. After he escaped, he fled to Rochester, New York, where he founded an antislavery newspaper. From there, he moved on to Washington, D.C. where he held numerous government positions.

We celebrate famous figures like Douglass because February is Black History Month.

"We hope to enhance everyone's knowledge and awareness of Black

History," Quentin Choice, Black Student Union advisor, said. Together, BSU and the University Activities Board are presenting the Gospel Extravaganza, "We are One in the Spirit" Sunday at 6 p.m. at Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center.

This event is free, but there will be a free will offering.

"UAB is happy to be involved in Black History Month. We are willing to try something new such as the Gospel Extravaganza because it is a first

time for this type of event," Eric Tineber, University Activities Advisor, said.

Rev. Wanda McDaniels will be giving an inspirational speech and four choirs will be performing: two from Wichita, one from Nicodemus and one from Hays.

"The song, 'We are One in the Spirit,' is very inspirational and everyone should know the lyrics," Rev. McDaniels said.

BSU will also be having numerous other events in the month of February

such as Male/Female Relations on February 13, dealing with relationships from the African-American perspectives.

On February 23, the Hall of Fame, will be providing information and pictures of famous African-Americans, such as inventors, politicians and athletes, in the Memorial Union.

On February 24, a Black Greek Celebration, will be held giving background on Black Greeks.

The Buffalo Soldiers, including all

black infantry that served in wars even before World War I, will be here on February 28, also with a slide presentation.

Other events include a dances at the Backdoor on Saturday the 10th, a Soul Food Dinner on the 22nd, and a Spades Tournament on the 29th.

"We are hoping to get more people from the community and campus more involved in Black History and in the Black Student Union," Choice said.

Legislature debates bill

Qualified admissions
for state universities
cause for concern

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) What was supposed to be a day of testimony in favor of establishing admissions standards at the state's public universities turned into more of a debate as legislators opposed to any change took turns hammering the bill's sponsor with questions.

Rep. Ralph Tanner, R-Baldwin City, who introduced the bill, acknowledged Wednesday that the Legislature has defeated similar legislation seven times in recent years. But, he said it is the only way he knows to immediately improve the caliber of the state's universities.

Tanner, a retired professor and administrator, also argued that setting standards would improve kindergarten through 12th grade education in the state because the universities would expect more from students.

In addition, he said setting standards could lower the freshman drop-out rate, which ranges from 25 to 39 percent at the state's six public universities, and could save the state an estimated half million dollars the universities spend on remedial educa-

tion.

But Rep. Ted Powers, R-Mulvane, said he cannot understand what is wrong with the universities the way they are.

"They're well respected and they have a good reputation and one of the basic questions in my mind is why change that?" he asked one of the four witnesses who testified in favor of the bill during the hearing.

Rep. Deena Horst, R-Salina, said she is concerned students in certain parts of the state may not receive an adequate high school education to meet the proposed standards.

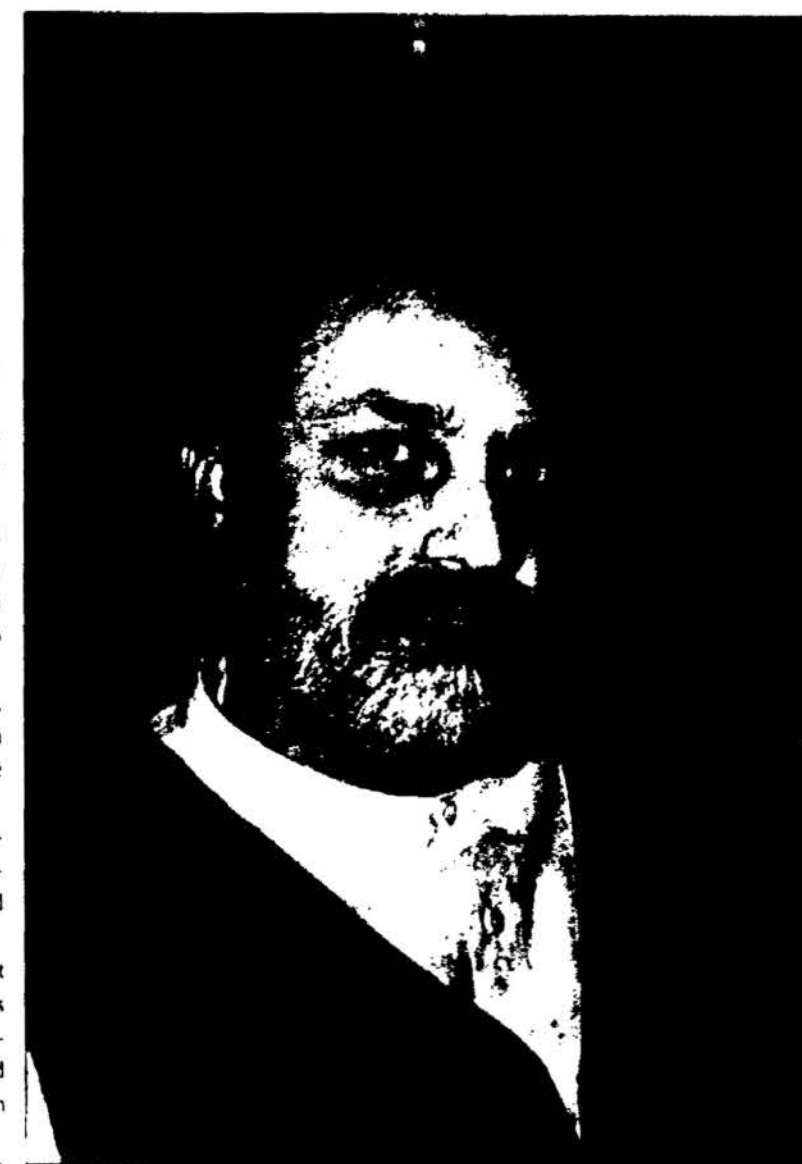
Rep. Jonathan Wells, D-Wichita, agreed, saying improving education in the state should not start at the college level.

"If we're going to look at improving the educational system in Kansas, we need to look at the other end of the spectrum," he said.

Tanner said students who are not qualified for university-level courses could start at one of the state's two-year community colleges. He said they may also be admitted through one of the bill's exceptions.

The bill would exempt anyone 21 or older and would allow each uni-

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MARK BOWERS / University Leader

Bob Leiker, Fort Hays State Alumn, was recently appointed to the Kansas sentencing Commission by Governor Bill Graves.

Graves appoints Leiker

FHSU alum on
state sentencing
commission

Kari Sparks
Copy Editor

Governor Bill Graves recently appointed former Fort Hays State University graduate, Bob Leiker, to the Kansas Sentencing Commission.

"The Kansas Sentencing Commission makes guidelines and recommendations about laws that need to be changed, and prison placements," Leiker said.

"Judges follow guideline grids when sentencing. The judge will look at the defendant's criminal history and review those guidelines."

Leiker, who graduated from FHSU in 1982 with a degree in political science and public administration, says he has spent a lot of time studying the issues and plans to be an active participant on the board.

"The sentencing commission is looking at a couple of grid boxes concerning drug charges."

"What we are trying to do is

first of all make sure the sentence is fair for what the offense is, and if the defendant can be supervised in the community," Leiker said.

Leiker is also the executive director of Northwest Kansas Community Corrections of Hays.

"I help supervise people on probation and everybody who gets out of prison."

"I don't consider [The Kansas Sentencing Commission appointment] as a separate job, but an addition to what I do now," Leiker said.

Leiker said that he enjoys his line of work because of the challenge of working with people and getting them to turn around.

According to Leiker, the commission is chaired by the Attorney General (at a \$15,000). Three appointments to the commission are selected by the Governor and six from Gov. Graves.

Leiker does not know who recommended him to the board, but considers his appointment an honor.

Leiker's term will expire in July of 1997.

In the meantime he says he will assist the citizens of Kansas in an objective manner.

SGA President encourages student body to get involved



LaNette Schmiedler
SGA Columnist

We are all busy trying to get where we need to be without slipping on ice

The recent winter weather has us all chilled to the bone and worried about parts of our flesh freezing before we can cross campus between classes. We

and incurring broken bones. We students who represent you in Student Government Association are struggling with the same day-to-day concerns--studying, working, breathing, and staying upright on the sidewalks.

In addition to these daily drudgeries, we are also working on more far-reaching issues. One such issue which has been debated in previous years and has recently returned to the spotlight is that of qualified admissions. Briefly, if

the Kansas legislature approves the qualified admissions bill it is currently considering, students entering Fort Hays and other state universities would be required to meet certain qualifications before they are admitted. For example, graduating high school seniors would be admitted if they achieved a 2.0 GPA in a prescribed curriculum, or if they graduated in the top third of their class, or if they met a minimum score on the ACT. These provisions highlight just a

few ways a student can qualify for admission.

I encourage you to contact your senator or the SGA office if you have questions or would like to provide input into this issue. If the Kansas legislature passes this bill, Kansas would become the last state in the United States to move to qualified admissions, thus changing the educational system in Kansas at all levels.

Next, I encourage you to attend this weekend's basketball

game where we will play the University of Nebraska at Kearney. The Tigers will enjoy your support and they are well worth watching.

Finally, I must briefly comment, as some of you may be aware, that the Student Senate is working intentionally to respond to a question that has been raised about how SGA helps fund the Opening Picnic in August. The section of the SGA Bylaws which addresses this funding issue is

vague and subject to interpretation. Let me clarify that the issue is not whether or not the Opening Picnic should be held, but rather, how and if SGA should help fund it.

We will continue to work this semester with your interests in mind and encourage your input and feedback.

Again, feel free to contact your SGA Senator, or stop by our office on the first floor of the Memorial Union.

In my opinion...

The Kansas Legislature is now debating whether regent schools should go to a qualified admissions policy.

For those of us that are in college now, I feel that this is just a little too late.

The main fact of the matter is that there are many students in college that have no reason to be here. They are not here to learn, which, by the way, is the reason that we are here.

Why do people who barely pass high school decide to come to college? That is an easy one. Definitely not to learn. First, they come so they can get away from their parents. And, since they are away, they party.

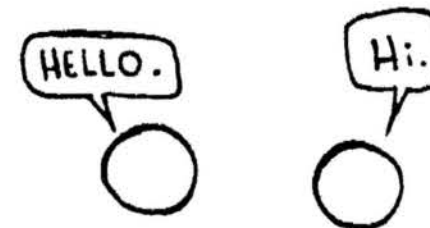
This wouldn't be much of a problem except these people, when they show up to class, slow down the class. I can only imagine how frustrating it must be for the teachers that have to answer questions from last week's lecture.

These people also waste Federal Student Aid money. That money is limited in amount and, when it runs out, everyone else is out of luck. Not only should admission to schools be qualified, financial aid should too.

The Kansas Legislature needs to pass this bill. If not for any other reason but to weed out people who should not be in college.

Matt Shepker
Editor-in-chief

MY POLITICALLY CORRECT CARTOON



ENJOY IT WHILE YOU CAN.

3/8 Chris Schaefer

Counterparts:

Shopping, how long to take and why

Mark Bowers:

In the battle of the sexes, the most oft fought battle is over the methods of shopping.

I will not try to draw conclusions from what I have observed, but try to tell things as I see them.

Now, women, the fairer sex, seems to have a fascination with shopping the way I am fascinated with the latest and greatest products from Nikon.

Guys and gals both shop, but the methods incurred in the process are wildly different.

Women I know, in general of course, see shopping as some great holy event worth looking forward to for a week. The actual physical act of shopping takes on a life of its own for the woman.

The act of buying a single outfit can take two or more trips to the store or mall. One or more to look, one to buy.

This is, of course, news to no one. Women, since the beginning of time, have exhibited this odd behavior of seeking and then going home to revel in what was seen and will be owned later.

Men, myself included, are also consumers and do shop. But here is where a paradox comes into play. Men and women often shop at the same stores, and even buy the same items.

The odd discrepancy is the time factor. A man has it in his mind where he wants to go, and usually decides what it is he wants on the way there.

Guys run in, look, try on (sometimes), buy, and leave. In and out in a few minutes.

Want to make me contemplate suicide? Make me go shopping with a woman I can't say "can we please go now?" to.

I will sometimes leave a mall empty handed just because I could not stand being in a huddled mass of happy shoppers.

I will unhesitatingly shop from catalogues before the thought of stepping foot in a mall traipses its way into my mind.

Being limited to the stock on hand at a retail store can be very restrictive as well. Catalogs are neat in the respect that they have what is offered, and are willing to backorder if they run out.

Women also see salespeople as helpful. In my opinion, commissioned salespeople are too friendly for their own good. It is good they are willing to be your friend unconditionally, but sometimes I feel the overly happy salesperson is in need of some serious help.

Has retail driven anyone insane? The salespeople, probably not. The shoppers, maybe.

When greeted by a smile from someone unfamiliar to me, I feel odd and ill at ease. Did I do something nice for you? What have I done to deserve your affection?

Just one of life's great mysteries. But I would still like to be helped by a friendly, as opposed to gruff, salesperson.

Salespeople are generally a great help, especially the ones that are willing to tell you an outfit looks bad on you.

Shopping provides a release for some, a way to work off tension. Tension in my wallet can easily be relaxed by opening a photo catalog and dialing an 800 number.

I really see some merit in shopping around and checking out all the available options, but is it necessary to take so long?



Counterparts

Kari Sparks:

A guy will shop with me once...ONCE! After that, I'm either on my own, or I shop with other women who know how to shop.

Guys don't like to shop with me, or I with them. I can shop much better without hearing "Hurry up." Or seeing eyes roll when I want to go back to a store I've already been to.

Besides, when I ask a guy, "Do you like this shirt better, or this one," I expect an answer, not "I don't care, they're both nice."

You see, guys don't know how to shop or just don't want to shop the right way.

As most of us women know, there is a method to shopping. You can't just go into the first store and grab the first decent item you see. You must look around.

There is a very good chance that if you buy a shirt at the first store you go into, there is the same shirt at another store for a less expensive price. Hey, there might be an even better shirt somewhere else just waiting on the rack for you to find, or jeans, or shoes, or pants, or sweaters.

Besides, there are questions you have to consider when purchasing items, especially clothes.

For instance, "Do I have something similar to this shirt at home?"

"Is this a good color for me?"

"Will it still be in style next year?"

"Do these jeans make me look fat?"

"Could I find some better fitting jeans somewhere else?"

"Can I mix-n-match this shirt with my other clothes?"

"Do I have the right shoes for this outfit?"

"Could I find the right shoes?"

You see, you have to consider things like that, if you want to spend your money wisely.

Furthermore, you must go to every store and yes, look around, first. For instance, say you see something you like at one store. Write down what it was, the price, and what store.

Then when you go to the other stores to look around, and you still want something you saw earlier, you can go back and buy it. That is, after you have already been to all the outlets and have decided that indeed the shirt or whatever you saw in the first store was better than any of the shirts in the other stores. Now guys, do you see why it is best to shop the right way?

Shopping is fun. It's a great feeling to find the perfect outfit, especially when you know that you did your best to find the most perfect outfit in the whole mall. It can also be fun to shop for other people. Like a boyfriend, who probably could use your help.

Hey, I just remembered that actually there are times when a guy will shop with me a second time. When I'm looking for a swimsuit or lingerie. Oh yeah, then they are really helpful. I don't hear any complaining about taking too long or trying things on. "Let me see what this two-piece looks like on you, hon."

Men! Makes me think of that song by The Judds, "You can't live with 'em and you just can't shoot 'em."

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Briefs

Auditions

Auditions for three one act plays, "The Tiger," "The Car Wash" and "Open Storage" are being held February 5, 6 at 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Feltdand Start Theatre in Malloy. Six men and five women are needed.

Show dates will be March 15, 16. For further information, contact Stephen Shapiro at 628-4449.

Tigers vs. Nebraska-Kearney

Students are urged to purchase tickets early for this Saturdays Nebraska-Kearney basketball game to ensure quicker entrance into the game.

Tickets are available at the Student Service Center.

Interview Sign-ups

The interview sign-up schedule for American Fidelity Insurance Company is available in the Career Development and Placement Service.

They will interview any major for a customer service representative position.

The Idea of a University

Ken Havner, Board of Regents member and local attorney, will be presenting the February edition of the philosophy department's, The Idea of a University colloquium.

The presentation will be at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, in the Frontier Room of Memorial Union.

Celebrate Membership

The Sternberg Museum of Natural History will honor its members with a cake and punch reception on Tuesday, January 30, at 7 p.m. at the museum's new address on Canterbury. "celebrate Membership" will also include tours of displays.

Community members who wish to take part can become members of the museum by calling 628-5684. Individual memberships cost \$25, family memberships are \$50.

Diversity Awareness

Mary R. Valerio, professor of multicultural education, from the University of Texas-Pan American, will host a lunch discussion "Women and Minorities in the 1990's", Monday, February 5 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Picken 307.

Rock Springs 4-H

Summer job opportunities are available with Rock Springs 4-H Center.

For more information students are invited to stop by their table at Memorial Union on Monday, February 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



CHRIS JETER / University Leader

Taking the tour

Fort Hays State employees, students, and Hays residents take part in a tour of the new Sternberg facility on Tuesday.

New Mexico Indians expect changes in gambling

SANTA FE (AP) Tribal leaders said Tuesday they would accept changes in Indian gambling compacts if the Legislature acted first to ratify the agreements nullified by a court decision.

At a news conference, officials of the New Mexico Indian Gaming Association said they had made their offer to Democratic leaders in the Senate and House in hopes of increasing chances that the Legislature would approve agreements to allow casino gambling on Indian lands.

The Senate was expected to hold hearings Wednesday and begin to debate a variety of bills that would expand gambling in New Mexico.

Frank Chavez, co-chairman of the association, said tribal leaders had agreed to these provisions if lawmakers approved the gambling compacts that had been signed last year by Gov. Gary Johnson.

Raise the minimum age for gambling in tribal casinos to 21 from 18.

Implement "reasonable programs" to help compulsive and problem gamblers.

Not to provide free liquor and alcoholic drinks in casinos.

Open "good faith discussions on any other issue" with the state as possible amendments to the compacts.

"It is time for the state to show some good faith and ratify the compacts," said Ken Paquin of Santa Ana Pueblo, co-chairman of the association.

"It is time to call a political truce on this issue. We do not burden the state with our internal politics, and we ask all officials of the state to address our concerns on a non-partisan basis so that together we can make a better life for all New Mexicans, both Indians and non-Indians."

In the past, tribal leaders had voiced a willingness to discuss possible changes in the compacts, but they had not spelled out what changes they would accept.

The tribal officials made their comments in releasing an economic study that found Indian casinos earned \$46.2 million in net profits in 1995.

The casinos spent \$48 million on wages and salaries for 2,924 workers last year and nearly \$137 million for goods and services.

Tribal officials said those figures were based on information supplied by the casinos.

Gamblers spent \$231 million at tribal casinos last year, according to the study, which estimated that a fourth of that was by out-of-state residents. The study was prepared for tribes by a Denver-based company, the Center for Applied Research.

Chavez said tribal leaders met last week with House Speaker Raymond Sanchez, D-Albuquerque, and Senate President Pro Tem Manny Aragon, D-Albuquerque.

Sanchez and other lawmakers have objected to a number of provisions in the compacts that Johnson and 14 tribes signed in February 1995 and which were nullified later in the year by the state Supreme Court.

The minimum age for gamblers at tribal casinos was one of those objections, but Sanchez also has complained that casinos cash paychecks of gamblers and that banks operate electronic tellers at casinos to provide a ready source of cash for gamblers.

Critics of the compacts also have objected to the duration of the agreements signed by Johnson and to a provision that allowed for automatic renewal unless both the state and tribes agreed to changes.

Lecture series begins

Minister to speak on Bosnia and the affects on the U.S.

Elizabeth Norman
Staff writer

"Failing Nations," those words are what the Rev. James Mardock uses to describe his talk on Bosnia.

The discussion, officially titled "the U.S. in Bosnia, Quiescence or Quagmire" is the first in a lecture series offered by the Protestant Campus Center.

The free lecture starts at 7 p.m. on Sunday and is open to the public.

Rev. Mardock, a Methodist minister in Halstead, said in a recent telephone interview that international issues have interested him for some time.

He has also done talks concerning international issues with the Rev. Philip Shull, chaplain for the Protestant Campus Center.

This lecture is a companion to one given last semester that was primarily concerned with the history of the Balkans.

While some background will be covered in the discussion, Mardock will primarily concentrate on what is currently going on both in and around Bosnia.

This will include questioning the U.S. military presence in the region.

It will also question whether or not the U.S. should step in and try to help the national government, of not only Bosnia, but other small nations where changes so desperately needed.

"it's going to take time and money," Mardock said.

He also feels that the people of Western Kansas are more educated about the situation than those living in larger communities because they have a closer eye on the world economy.

Sunday's discussion should last a little over an hour. It is the first in a new 1996 series of discussions entitled "Heretics, History and Holiness."

Health and Human Services Committee hears testimony on drugs and welfare programs

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) A recovering drug addict and alcoholic told legislators something needs to be done about welfare money being used to finance drug and alcohol habits.

The Health and Human Services Committee heard testimony Wednesday on a bill that would establish a drug and alcohol screening program for cash assistance recipients.

The bill would only pertain to federal welfare programs, if and when the federal government grants permission.

Testifying before the committee, Cherie Price said she sees people regularly abusing the system, especially at the first of the month when their checks arrive in the mail.

"They're spending it on drugs

and alcohol when that's not the purpose," Price said. "The check goes straight to the dope man or to the liquor store."

Off drugs and alcohol for one year and five months, the 38-year-old Topeka resident said the screening would help ensure the financial assistance doesn't end up in the wrong hands, and that those who need help get it.

"It's not easy being clean," She said. "It's not easy getting off alcohol."

The bill, introduced last year by Rep. Lisa Benlon, R-Shawnee, calls for a drug and alcohol screening program to be used for any of the state's 3,300 general assistance recipients who shows signs of alcoholism and drug addiction.

Under the bill, the secretary of social and rehabilitation services

would adopt rules needed to carry this out.

Anyone found abusing drugs or alcohol would be required to enter a treatment program.

A person could lose his or her assistance for failing to submit to tests or go into the treatment program.

Some committee members voiced concern about what they said was the bill's vagueness.

Rep. David Haley, D-Kansas City, said he fears officials could abuse the drug screening program the way it is proposed in the bill.

"My biggest concern is, how will the symptoms be determined?" Haley said.

The committee took no action on the bill.

Twins stay with mother

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) Twin girls fathered by different men apparently will stay with their mother after one of the fathers gave up his custody fight.

"Today was a good victory for the good," the girls' mother, Brenda Taylor, 33, said Tuesday after a judge took the case under advisement.

Lawyers on both sides said Taylor will likely get custody of 17-month-old Lauren. She already has custody of Lauren's twin sister, Megan.

Taylor's ex-husband, Peter Tonnessen of Colorado Springs, Colo., will likely be granted one weekend a month of visitation with Lauren.

For twins to have different fathers, the mother would have to ovulate twice in one menstrual cycle and have intercourse with two men around the time of ovulation.

DNA tests show Tonnessen is Lauren's father and Megan's father is Dean Taylor, who is married to the twins' mother. At the time the twins were conceived, Dean Taylor was living with her.

Tonnessen was estranged from Taylor at the time. She claimed he raped her hours after she had sex with Dean Taylor, but Tonnessen denied it and no police report was filed.

Tonnessen filed for custody of his unborn child in 1994, unaware his estranged wife was carrying twins. She moved to Arizona before giving birth.

When Tonnessen lost an appeal to have the case returned to Colorado, he said he would default in the custody trial. He did not show up for a deposition or settlement conference and was ruled in default by a judge who ordered Tuesday's hearing.

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versity to exempt 10 percent of the freshman class admissions from the requirements.

The bill would require students who want to attend any of the state's four-year universities to either graduate from high school with a 2.0 grade average on a 4.0 scale, score at least 23 on the American College Testing program or rank in the top third of their high school graduating class.

The measure would apply to all six state universities University of Kansas, Kansas State, Wichita State, Emporia State, Pittsburg State and Fort Hays State.

Kansas is the only state in the union whose public universities have no admissions standards, other than requiring a diploma from a state high school.

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At the movies . . .

Amy Bruntz
Art and Entertainment Editor

"Mr. Holland's Opus" remains at the top of box office sales for a reason. It is a touching, exciting, humorous, and dramatic movie that almost anyone can relate to. The movie deals with many different subjects, and each becomes so real and true to life.

There are several types of people who should see this movie:

1. **If you plan to teach or if you already teach.** Mr. Holland will inspire any teacher. Mr. Holland considered teaching just a "gig" to make some money. He planned to quit after four years, but he learns how important his job is and continues teaching for 40 years. He learns that he can make a difference and this he certainly does. Mr. Holland transfers his passion for music on to his students, who he learns to love as if they were his own.

2. **If you've ever had a teacher who really made a difference.** Almost everyone has had at least one teacher who made a strong impact on your life. This movie will remind you of that teacher in a touching way. "Mr. Holland's Opus" shows through several characters how one teacher can really change a person's life.

3. **If you are a musician.** Mr. Holland possesses that passion for music that only a musician can have. A musician will feel for Mr. Holland, as he is struggling to reach his goal—finishing his "opus," or composition. However, the only thing I did not love about the movie was in the musical area. When Mr. Holland be-

gins teaching, the sounds from his high school orchestra are really bad, but also realistic. In just a brief time, he has that same orchestra sounding like a professional group. Any musician knows that it takes longer than one semester to make that much progress.

4. **If you are a parent.** Mr. Holland must face the fact that his son, Cole, is deaf. He struggles with how to relate to his son. Music is Mr. Holland's life, and he doesn't want to hurt his son by trying to teach him about music. Instead, he almost shuts his son out of his life. This part of the movie opens eyes to some aspects of deafness and also to the importance of communication between parents and children.

5. **If you question the importance of "the arts" in public schools.** Many schools are faced with spending cuts and unfortunately, music, drama and art departments often get hit the hardest. The story of "Mr. Holland's Opus" proves the necessity of these programs for some students.

Music, teaching, parenting, and "the arts" in public schools—all are beautifully interwoven in this dramatic story of a young man forced to teach high school, who then becomes a man who wants nothing more than to continue doing so.

If this movie strikes the right chords in you, as it did in me, you'll laugh, worry, cry, and applaud all in the two and a half hours of the amazingly wonderful "Mr. Holland's Opus."



Garth turns down award

LOS ANGELES (AP) The American Music Awards finally got around to choosing an artist of the year and the winner didn't even want the trophy.

Garth Brooks, saying there was no disrespect intended, told the audience Monday night that he didn't believe in the concept of picking an artist of the year. "So I'm going to leave it here."

He then walked away, with the crowd cheering and the trophy for the evening's last award still on the podium.

"I couldn't accept it, just out of the love of the fellow musicians. I think we're all one," Brooks said backstage.

Show spokesman Paul Shefrin said he did not know whether Brooks would accept the trophy when it is sent to him.

Earlier, Mariah Carey, the favorite female artist in soul-rhythm & blues, and pop-rock, offered sentiments similar to Brooks' in her acceptance speech: "This is so weird, the whole competition thing."

Brooks said Hootie & the Blowfish of Columbia, S.C., should have won artist of the year because people he spoke to in record stores credited the

band with turning record sales around.

In addition to Brooks and Hootie, the other nominees for artist of the year were Boyz II Men, Green Day and TLC.

Hootie & the Blowfish-whose debut album, "Cracked Rear View," was 1995's biggest seller, selling 10 million copies—did win favorite new pop-rock artist.

Brooks had no problem accepting two other awards, for favorite country male artist, for the fifth straight year, and favorite country album, "Hits," boosting his career American Music Award total to 10.

The other big winner of the 23rd annual awards were the Eagles, who like Brooks, received three awards—favorite pop-rock album for "Hell Freezes Over," favorite pop-rock band award and favorite adult contemporary artist.

Boyz II Men was a double winner in the soul-R&B categories, taking the album trophy for "III" and the favorite group title.

Pearl Jam also scored twice as favorite artist in both the alternative and heavy metal-hard rock categories.

Awards are based on a national survey of 20,000 record buyers.



Super party

Members of Sigma Chi Fraternity watch the Super Bowl and cheer on the Pittsburgh Steelers.

MATT HOERNICKE/University Leader

'Mr. Holland's Opus' tops box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) The story of an inspirational music teacher, "Mr. Holland's Opus," was No. 1 at the box office, earning \$8.3 million during a surprisingly busy Super Bowl weekend at the movies.

"There's really no explanation. It's strange. 'Opus' is doing much better than expected," said John Krier, president of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., which tracks box office performance.

"Bed of Roses," a romance starring Christian Slater and Mary Stuart Masterson, debuted in second place with \$6.1 million. "From Dusk Till Dawn," the vampire thriller starring Harvey Keitel and Quentin Tarantino, was third with \$4.9 million.

The only other film to debut in the top 10 was the sci-fi thriller "Screamers," which earned \$2.9 million for ninth place.

Society offers historical film viewings

Laurie Bean
Circulation Manager

If anyone is looking for an interesting activity to warm up their frigid winter weekends, head out to the Fort Hays Historical Museum. Every Sunday afternoon through March 31, the Historical Society is sponsoring their Winter Film Festival.

This Sunday afternoon, the Historical Society is showing the film "America's Great Indian Leaders." According to a Fort Hays Historical Society brochure, the film portrays how

the "Native American nations saw their rich heritage coming to an end."

A couple of the more well known tribal leaders featured in the film are Crazy Horse, Chief Joseph, Quanah Parker and Geronimo. The film runs for approximately 65 minutes.

According to Connie Schmeidler, Office Assistant, at the Historical Society, "The series began in January." The films in January discussed several legendary western outlaws. Feature films included "Billy the Kid," "Jesse James," "Buffalo Bills Wild West Show," and "Wyatt Earp and the Gunfighters."

The focus for the films in February is

Native Americans," Schmeidler said. It begins with Sunday's film. Following include: a feature of Geronimo's life and struggles entitled, "Geronimo," "Indians and His Homeland" and "Seasons of the Navajo."

According to the brochure, "Indians and His Homeland" highlights well-known prints and paintings of the Indians and the western landscape. Running time is 30 minutes.

"Seasons of the Navajo" carries us through a year in the life of a Navajo family," the brochure states.

"In March we'll be showing a variety of films," Schmeidler said. Films in

March include "The Buffalo Soldiers," which were a special troop of African-American soldiers, "Custer's Last Trooper," "Railroads, Robbers and Rebels," "West to Santa Fe Overview," and "West To Santa Fe."

March 10, enjoy a documentary on Custer's last stand at the Battle of Little Big Horn in "Custer's Last Trooper."

The film on Sunday begins at 3 p.m. It will be held at the Guard House on the grounds of the Fort Hays Historical Museum, 1472 Hwy 183 Alt.

Anyone wanting more information on the Winter Film Series can call the Historical Society at 625-6812.

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Senate advances bill to benefit the hearing impaired

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) The Senate tentatively approved a bill on Wednesday that would provide special driver's licenses to people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Meanwhile, a House committee looked at a bill that would give special license plates to military retirees, firefighters and veterans of foreign wars.

The bill advanced by the Senate would require the state to issue the special driver's licenses so law enforcement officers can quickly identify that a person is hearing impaired.

Sen. Steve Morris, R-Hugoton, its sponsor, said people who are deaf might have a problem when a police officer stops them because they might reach for a notebook and pencil in the glove compartment to write a message. The officer might think the person is reaching for a weapon, he said.

The House Transportation Com-

mittee began considering a bill that would allow veterans of foreign wars to purchase a special license plate commemorating their service.

Similar license plates already are available to people who were awarded Purple Hearts, were at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked, or were prisoners of war.

Sgt. 1st Class Gary Augustine of Hays said that a plate honoring veterans of foreign wars would show how Kansas appreciates those who have served their country.

He said it also would remind people of price of freedom.

Rep. Don Myers, R-Derby, proposed that a special license plate be made for retired military personnel.

"They'd like to be remembered," Myers said.

Rep. Darlene Cornfield, R-Valley Center, said firefighters also like to have a special license plate.

Graves confident despite lawsuit

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) The state Racing Commission's executive director has the full confidence of Gov. Bill Graves, despite a federal lawsuit alleging misconduct.

Graves appointed Myron Scafe to the position in November. Scafe is a defendant in a lawsuit filed by former state Rep. Kerry Patrick, R-Leawood, in which Patrick accuses Scafe of ordering a background check on him for political purposes in 1994.

Scafe was Overland Park police chief. He has denied the lawsuit's allegation.

Democrats raised the issue in a confirmation hearing before the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee.

"I'm very satisfied in Myron Scafe's ability to be a good executive director of the Racing Commission," Graves told reporters during a news conference.

On other issues, Graves:

- Said he supports a bill that would require insurance companies to pay for up to two days' worth of hospital care after a mother delivers a baby and up to four days' if a woman has a cesarean section.
- Expressed irritation over questions about who he might appoint to fill the seat of U.S. Sen. Bob Dole's seat, who is seeking the Republican nomination for president. He said, "I think everyone is wasting too much time speculating about Bob Dole's demise ... I'm just going to refuse to get caught up in speculation about what I might or might not do."
- Promised reluctantly to sign a bill that would make the square dance the official state dance. He said, "I think that the Legislature ought to do its job, and if it views its job as creating more state symbols, I'll be happy to entertain those when they come down here."
- Did not comment about Attorney General Carla Stovall's proposal to increase the cost of a marriage license from \$40 to \$100 to finance domestic violence programs.

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Strategically playing

Chess club president Steve Davis, Garden City special student, plays chess with members of the Fort Hays State chess club in the Memorial Union yesterday evening. The chess club meets each Thursday at 7 p.m.

Clinton will benefit from short primary season

WASHINGTON (AP) This year's abbreviated primary season should have benefited GOP front-runner Bob Dole. But publisher Steve Forbes' surge in the polls may be dramatically altering the dynamics.

The only clear-cut beneficiary of the compressed schedule now, analysts in both parties suggest, is President Clinton, who has no opposition and about \$36 million available, the primary campaign spending limit.

But if Forbes continues to open up the GOP race, he also would benefit, as the only Republican candidate with plenty of money to run beyond the first round of primaries.

By using his own cash and not accepting federal matching funds, the publishing heir has no legal spending limit.

In contrast, other GOP nominees-in-waiting will soon be broke.

"I think it's going to be over by the end of March," Dole tells Iowa audiences. Few party professionals would

dispute him at this point.

In fact, with some 40 primaries and caucuses to be held by the end of March, Republican leaders are questioning the wisdom of having so many so closely spaced events.

"Voters don't have time to adjust to the winnowing-out process," said Republican Party Chairman Haley Barbour.

"The primaries will go off like a string of firecrackers."

Barbour has appointed a GOP task force to make recommendations to the party on whether it should call for a more traditional, more stretched-out schedule for the next presidential election year - 2000.

Democrats are more reluctant to dive into the fray, since the shortened primary season helps Clinton.

But Ann Lewis, a longtime Democratic operative who serves as deputy campaign manager for the Clinton-Gore re-election campaign, suggests it's an issue both parties must address

down the road.

"I think there does need to be some national accountability or we're going to wind up having all our primaries on the day after Thanksgiving," she said.

The primaries used to be fairly evenly spaced out through March, April, May and even June. They became more and more compressed as states began leapfrogging one another to grab some of the attention lavished on leadoff states Iowa and New Hampshire.

"What it's really doing is further increasing the importance of Iowa and New Hampshire," said Democratic strategist and pollster Mark Mellman.

"The keys to the kingdom have always been in Iowa and New Hampshire and that's become more and more true as the primary schedule becomes more and more compressed."

Clinton benefits because a shorter primary season means, in effect, a

longer general election campaign. But, once the GOP primary season is over, he'll be the only one, save Forbes, left with money to spend between then and the party conventions in August.

Meanwhile, Forbes, in mounting such an effective challenge to Dole, is forcing the Senate majority leader to spend more campaign advertising dollars than he otherwise would have this early.

Even if Dole emerges victorious, he will be staggering financially from April through August.

The compressed schedule has a built-in bias "for front-runners and candidates with money," said Erwin Hargrove, a political scientist at Vanderbilt University.

The shortened season "is a great mistake," he said.

"It's better to have it stretched out over a period of time. That way, voters have an opportunity to learn from previous primaries."

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On the Sidelines with Maynard



Marc Menard
Staff Writer

In case you didn't know it, the Fort Hays State University men's basketball team is on a roll. And Saturday night it will be round two of the super-hyped matchup between the undefeated and second ranked

Tigers and the University of Nebraska-Kearney Lopers who perhaps, represent the only roadblock to a RMAC championship for Fort Hays.

In the first meeting between the two schools, the game lived up to its billing as the Tigers clinched an 82-79 victory, thanks to a Chad Creamer three-pointer with eight seconds remaining in the game.

But, that was three weeks ago. Yes, Fort Hays beat the Lopers on their own floor, but don't think for a minute the Tigers may have the home court advantage for this one. The hype surrounding the rematch may eliminate whatever home court advantage the Tigers may have.

"There is so much hype with this game, it takes away a lot from the home court advantage. There was a lot of hype before the first game and it didn't give them much of an advantage," Head Coach Gary Garner said.

"Both teams will be very focused, so I'm sure the big crowds won't bother them."

Tigers to date, are 18-0 and ranked second in the NCAA Division II polls behind Virginia Union.

Last year they had the scoring, this year the Tigers have something even more important, chemistry. There are no big-time scorers, as a matter of fact anyone of the five starters is quite capable of pouring in double figures on any given night.

"There is real good camaraderie on this team and it has to do a lot with the success we've enjoyed," Garner said.

The Tigers are led by the big man in the middle, Alonzo Goldston, a very athletic 6 foot 9 player, with the ability to play at both ends of the floor. Their floor leader, without a doubt is returning guard Geoff Eck, the master of the threes. But Eck is not the only Tiger familiar with the three-point arc.

There is also junior college transfer Anthony Pope and Geoff's younger brother, Mark who give the Tigers added scoring punch from anywhere on the floor. In fact, earlier in the season, the Tigers were averaging nearly 100 points per game and currently average 93.6 points per game.

They also play defense, in fact there pressure defense has been their best offense as they tend to score a lot of points on turnovers. The other key to the Tigers success has been rebounding which they get plenty of from Goldston and forward Sherick Simpson.

The Tigers also have bench players who fill their roles perfectly. Garner has the luxury of using Earl Tyson as his sixth man. Tyson was the starting point guard until an elbow injury sidelined him in December.



Garner also has front court players Jeremie Kester and Matt Starkey. Kester is able to play forward and center, while Starkey gives the Tigers size on the inside and the ability to hit the three-pointer as well.

Providing the Tigers with additional outside shooting prowess is Brooke Thompson. Thompson was a red-shirt last year so he had a year to learn the Tiger system. The Tigers also get solid performances from guard Lance Hammond, although his amount of playing time is usually limited.

With all of that, no wonder the Tigers have enjoyed much success during the season and the excitement and fever continues to build.

The success of the Tiger season has been a nice surprise for Garner who didn't predict at this point of the season, his young Tiger team would be undefeated and nationally ranked.

"You know, I told my wife, I thought we would be a good team by the end of the season, but I never thought we would do as well as we have. They have really jelled quicker than I thought," Garner said.

Tomorrow night's contest should live up to much of the hype and results of the first contest. It will be a fast paced game as both teams run it up and down the floor. The fever is definitely building. Yes, the Tigers are on a roll.



MATT HOERNICKE / University Leader

Driving Through

Sherick Simpson, Elgin III, junior guards Brandon Heckroth during the January 20 game. The Tigers won 78-50.

Tigers 2-3 at national duals

Matt Hoernicke
Sports Editor

The Fort Hays State Tiger wrestling team traveled to Edmond Okla. this past weekend for the NCAA II national duals. The Tigers came out of the contest with a 2-3 record, winning against Edwardsville Ill. twice, once in the winners bracket and once in the losers bracket.

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The Tigers will be on the road again this week with duals in Pueblo Colo. on Thursday and Alamosa Colo. on Friday.



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